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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
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Development Department

G.O.Ms.No. 1233. Dated 12th March 1948.

Read the following:-

G.O.Ms. 35, Revenue, dated 8th January 1948,
Govt. Memo. No.6361 A III/48-2 dated 23-1-1948.
(2) From the Director of Agriculture, No.E.3-59/48 dated 13-2-1948.

ORDER:

In his letter cited above the Director of Agriculture has submitted the following proposals for increasing the production of short term crops to meet the present food crisis:-

(1) Supply of seeds for raising short term crops.

(2) An acreage subsidy may be granted to ryots for raising short term crops in March-April 1948.

(3) Groundnut cake may be supplied to non-coupon holders also, preference being given to coupon holders.

(4) Intensive propaganda may be carried on for popularising the use of compost manure.

(5) Vigorous propaganda may be done for increasing the cultivation of green manure throughout the Province and the cultivation of green manure by ryots in the C.M.P. area, Tanjore District, may be made compulsory.

(6) Greenleaf manure from forests, canal bunds river porombokes, and other Government lands may be supplied to ryots at concessional rates.

(7) Intensive propaganda may be done for increasing the cultivation of root crops like sweet potatoes, tapioca and KURKAN wherever possible. A special allotment of Rs.1000/- for each district may be sanctioned for the free supply of planting materials for raising these crops.

(8) Steps may be taken for increasing the area under potatoes and for preventing the use of chats as seed material.

ITEM (1) ABOVE:- In Memorandum No.14936 A III/48 dated 17th February 1948 the Government have already permitted the Director of Agriculture to purchase paddy and millet seeds at rates higher than the ceiling rates fixed for Government procurement in consultation with the officers of the Revenue Department. His further proposals referred to in paragraph 1 of his letter cited are awaited. He has stated that seeds would be required for the crop to be raised in the latter part of the year. He is requested to state whether seeds for short term crops will not be required immediately and whether arrangements have been made to supply them to ryots.

ITEM (2) ABOVE:- Separate orders will be issued from the Food Department.

ITEM (3) ABOVE:- In Memo.No. 65886-D3/47-6, Food, dated 23rd February 1948 the Government have already issued orders permitting the sale of groundnuts cake to non-coupon holders also upto 50% of the stocks available in any Agricultural Depot until further orders.

ITEM (4) ABOVE:- The Director of Agriculture and the Board of Revenue are requested to instruct their District Officers to intensify the propaganda for utilizing compost manure.

ITEM (5) ABOVE:- The Director of Agriculture and the Board of Revenue are requested to instruct the officers under their control to intensify the propaganda for raising gree manure. Separate orders will be issued on the proposals of the Director of Agriculture for compelling the ryots in the C.M.P. area to cultivate green manure.

ITEM (6) ABOVE:-- Separate orders will be issued in this Department for the supply of green-leaf manure to ryots from reserved forests at concessional rates. Orders will be issued in the Revenue Department for the supply of green-leaf manure at concessional rates from canal bunds, Panchayat forests, river poromboke and other Government lands.

ITEM (7) ABOVE:-- The Director of Agriculture and the Board of Revenue are requested to instruct their officers to carry on vigorous propaganda for raising sweet potatoes, tapioca and kurkan wherever possible. The Government sanction special allotment of Rs.1000 for each district to be placed at the disposal of the District Agricultural Officer concerned for the FREE supply of planting materials for raising the above crops. The Director of Agriculture and the Collectors are requested to see that the free issues are made in good time to help the ryots to grow the crops. The Director of Agriculture is requested to submit a report in the utilisation of this grant after a month.

The question of sanctioning an acreage subsidy of Rs.15/- per acre of land cultivated with sweet potatoes in March-April 1948 is separately under consideration and orders will be issued in the Food Department.

ITEM (8) ABOVE:- Separate orders will be issued in the Food Department.

2. The expenditure sanctioned in item (7) in paragraph 1 above should be debited to "40.d.Agriculture". The Government of India will be addressed for a half grant. The expenditure is on a new service and a supplementary grant will be obtained. The Accountant-General is requested to admit the expenditure in audit pending provision of funds.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)

Sd. C.V.Narasimhan,
Dy. Secy. to Government.

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To
The Director of Agriculture,
The Board of Revenue,
The Accountant General through Finance
The Chief Conservator of Forests,
Copy to A I.
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"" Food, Revenue, Public Works Departments.
"" the Director of Information and Publicity,
"" all Collectors,
"" R.F.C. Madras,
"" G.M.F. Central Committee.

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

Note for Post Facto Approval by full Cabinet of Expenditure on new service scheme already sanctioned as it was emergent.

As one of the measures to increase the production of short-term crops due to failure of the North East Monsoon, the Director of Agriculture submitted a proposal to intensify the propaganda for increasing the cultivation of root crops -like sweet potatoes, tapioca and KURKAN wherever possible. For this purpose he suggested that a special allotment of Rs.1000 for each district may be sanctioned for the free supply of plating material for raising the above root crops. The Government agreed with the Director of Agriculture and sanctioned a grant of Rs.26,000, at the rate of Rs.1,000/- for each district. The Government of India are being addressed for a half grant. The expenditure is on a 'New Service" and the scheme should normally have been placed before the Standing Finance Committee and the Cabinet before orders were issued. But as the matter was of extreme urgency relating to food production the scheme has been sanctioned in G.O.Ms.No.1233, Development, dated 12th March 1948, after approval by the Hon'ble Minister (Agriculture), Hon'ble Minister (Food), Hon'ble Minister (Finance), and Hon'ble Premier with reference to instruction II (iii) in Annexure to Finance U.O. Note dated 21st December 1947. A copy of this note is circulated simultaneously to the remaining Hon'ble Ministers, the Chief Secretary and the Finance Department.

Sd. G.Y.Narasimhan,

Dy. Secy. to Government.

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